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DOUGLAS DILLON is rated a front runner to become Secretary of State.

He could add an aura of bipartisanship to Nixon's Cabinet. Having been Kennedy's Treasury chief, he'd supply a New Frontier flavor, though his GOP credentials are in order. Friends predict the New York banker wouldn't reject a Presidential call to duty. His experience fits Nixon's goals of building U.S. strength abroad, reducing the dollar drain.

Nixon intimate Robert Finch may take a Cabinet post, though he'd rather stay as California's lieutenant governor, then run for higher office. But Gov. Reagan, Sen. Murphy advise him they'll seek re-election in 1970. Finch wants a top domestic policymaking job if he comes to Washington. John Gardner of the Urban Coalition takes himself out of the Nixon Cabinet picture.

Scranton, though spurning any "permanent" post in the new administration, would be willing to replace Harriman at the Paris peace talks.

FULBRIGHT AIMS to shrink his Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Main reason: To freeze out unwanted candidates for five vacancies now impending. The chairman would like to admit dovish Javits of New York but keep out hawkish Republicans as well as war-backing Democrat McGee of Wyoming.

An aide to Nixon said 10 task forces have been at work to "pinpoint issues" in each of 10 problem areas and to "point out where the President will have immediate power to act." Reports on labor-management relations and fiscal policy are to be turned into the President-elect by Dec. 1, with the other eight task forces reporting later that month on additional Governmental problems, the aide said in Key Biscayne, Fla.

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